CNO Trades Green ID Card for CAC

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Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, recently replaced his green military identification card (ID) with the new improved Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC). Utilizing the CAC mobile issue van, Adm. Clark took a few minutes out of his schedule at the Pentagon to complete the brief process involved and get onboard with the program.

As the new military ID card, the CAC serves as the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces. It is the principal card used to enable computer network and system access, and the primary platform for the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) token, which will allow a user to sign on to the Navy Marine Corps Intranet.

The CAC is a priority effort across the DoD. It utilizes smart card technology as a means of enhancing readiness and improving business processes throughout the military departments. Over the last five months, issuance of the CAC has begun at many sites across DON, and others are scheduled to begin issuance in the near future. Across DoD approximately 271,791 CACs have been issued from 428 RAPIDS workstations; DON has issued 166,108 from 129 RAPIDS workstations.

Find out more about the Common Access Card by calling the DONCIO Public Affairs Office at 703-602-6722.